

requirement, the Agency is today releasing EPA's current draft of the Tier 2 study for comment. EPA will include a summary of any comments received on this draft when it submits the final report to Congress.

In the draft Tier 2 Study, EPA discusses and provides information on each of the three areas mentioned above but does not make a determination about whether further emission reductions are appropriate. EPA plans to make such a determination by way of later rulemaking action, to be finalized by the end of 1999, as required by the Act. In addition to addressing the three issues of need, feasibility, and cost effectiveness, the Study also discusses several key issues related to the development of a potential Tier 2 program and the next steps EPA is planning.

In addition to the draft Tier 2 Study, EPA will soon be releasing a related document titled "EPA Staff Paper on Gasoline Sulfur Issues." Because of its effect on catalytic converters, sulfur in gasoline is a very important issue when vehicle emission standards more stringent than today's standards are considered. The Staff Paper discusses a range of issues including the interactions between sulfur in gasoline and vehicle technology, the impact on refinery operations of reducing gasoline sulfur content, other fuel quality issues, a review of fuel sulfur control programs in other countries, and a review of proposals that have been put forward on this topic by key stakeholders. EPA plans to address any comments received on the Staff Paper as a part of any proposed rulemaking that EPA pursues relating to this Tier 2 emission standards. EPA will also hold a public meeting to discuss issues relating to gasoline sulfur and the Gasoline Sulfur Staff Paper (see **ADDRESSES** above).

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Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 272

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Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for New Mexico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to incorporate by reference EPA's approval of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) RCRA Cluster IV hazardous waste program and to approve its revisions to that program submitted by the State of New Mexico. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's request as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by NMED may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. New Mexico Environment Department, 1190, St Francis Drive, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87502. Phone number: (505) 827-1558.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6003-7]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete the Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill Site from the National Priorities List; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 announces its intent to delete the Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill (the Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which U.S. EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended. This action is being taken by U.S. EPA, because it has been determined that all Fund-financed responses under CERCLA have been implemented and U.S. EPA, in consultation with the State of Minnesota, has determined that no further CERCLA response is appropriate. Moreover, U.S. EPA and the State have determined that remedial activities conducted at the Site to date have been protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed deletion of the Site from the NPL may be submitted on or before May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd. (SR-6J), Chicago, IL 60604. Comprehensive information on the site is available at U.S. EPA's Region 5 office